

By Andrew Snape Hamond Esq^r.
Captain of His Majesty's Ship the
Probus, and Senior Officer of the
Squadron stationed in the River
Delaware.

Whereas you have represented to me
that the Crew of His Majesty's Ship, under your
Command, suffer very much by the Weather at
this inclement Season for want of suitable clothing
and there is not a sufficient Assortment of Navy
Shops in the Squadron to answer their necessary
demands. You are therefore hereby authorised and
required to cause the Purser of His Majesty's
Ship under your Command to purchase such
Shops as may be requisite for the Use of the
Ship's Company; taking care the same is done
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at as easy a Rate as possible, and that they are
good and fit for the purpose.

The Purser will be also to procure
proper Vouchers for the Slops he may so purchase,
and the Prices paid by him for the different Articles,
are to be Charged against the Men receiving any
thereof, upon the Ships Books, in a distinct Column,
under the head of purchased Slops.

Given onboard the Probus at
Philadelphia the 1st January 1778.

A. Hamond.

To
Capt. John Linzee
of His Majesty's Ship the
Pearl.

By G. G.

Captain John Bourmaster, Principal Agent
of the Transport, having represented to me, by
Letter of the 31st past; that there is remaining
onboard the Providence Transport a quantity
of Bread, Flour, Oatmeal, Rice, Raisins and Cheese,
rotten, Mouldy, stinking, and unfit for Men to
eat; and requested a Survey on the same.

You are therefore hereby required and
directed to repair onboard the Providence Transport,
and take a strict and careful Survey of the
Provisions so complained of, and if found as re-
presented, you are to see the same thrown

overboard

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overboard into the River; reporting to me from under
your hands an impartial account of your proceedings
therein, when, and from whence, the said Provisions
was received, and to what cause you judge the
defects. —

To
Given &c. 5th Janry 1778.

The respective Masters
of His Majestys Ships and Vessels
at Philadelphia, or any three of them.

A. S. Hammond

By &c. &c.

M^r John Mason, officiating as Agent
Victualler, having represented to me by Letter of
the 3^d Instant; that the Master of the Blessing
Victualler, had signified to him, that the Casks
of Rum in his Charge appears to be very deficient
in Quantity; and requested a Survey on the same.

You are therefore hereby authorised and direct-
ed to repair forthwith on board the Blessing Victualler
and there take a strict and careful Survey of all
the Casks of Rum so complained of; taking parti-
cular Care no Fraud is intended. And if found as
represented, you are to see the several Cask
properly filled up with such Ullages as you
may find; reporting to me from under your
Hands, an impartial account of your proceedings
therein, the Quantity so made use of, and to
what cause you judge the deficiency. —

To
The respective Masters
of His Maj. Ships & Vessels at Philadelphia
or any three of them.

Given &c. 5th Janry 1778

A. S. Hammond

By G^e. G^e.

Captain John Linzee, of His Majesty's Ship the Pearl, having represented to me by Letter of yesterdays date, that the Running-Rigging, Main and Foretopmast Standing Rigging, Messenger, Mainsail, and Sibs of the said Ship, are much worn, and unfit for Service; and requested a Survey on the same. You are hereby required and directed to repair forthwith onboard His Majesty's Ship the Pearl, and there take a strict and careful Survey on the abovementioned Rigging, Messengers, and Sails so complained of, reporting to me from under your Hands an impartial account of your proceedings therein, and if found as represented to what Use the said Stores may be converted.

Given G^e. 9th Janry 1778.

A. Hammond.

To
The respective Masters
of His Majesty's Ships & Vessels
at Philadelphia, or any three of
them —

By G^e. G^e.

The Juliana Navy Victualler, having struck against the Lunk-Frames, or Chevaux de Frize, in her passage up to this City, and filled with Water; it becomes necessary that what Provisions are saved from onboard the said Ship, should be removed into the other Victuallers.

You are therefore hereby authorised
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and required to take a strict and careful Survey of such Provisions as are saved from onboard the Juliana Victualler; also to inspect into the Casks of Rum, and see the same properly filled up; and having so done, you are to leave them under the direction of M^r. James Mason, officiating as Agent Victualler, in order to their being put onboard some other of the Victuallers; reporting to me from under your Hands an impartial account of your proceedings therein, and the Quantity of Rum made use of to fill up the defective Cask.

To
The respective Masters
of His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels at Philadelphia, or any
three of them. —

Given &c 9th Janry 1778.
A. Hammond.

By &c. &c

The very Sickly state of the Ships under my Orders here, rendering it absolutely necessary notwithstanding the very high Price of ^{fresh} Provisions that they should be accommodated therewith once a Week for the better re-establishing the Men's Health. You are hereby required and directed to Purchase from time to time a sufficient Quantity of Fresh Beef to Serve in lieu of Salt Beef one day in the Week onboard the several Ships & Vessels under my Directions
until

until further Order, on the best terms you
can for the Crown; drawing Bills for the
Amount on the Commissioners of the Victual-
ing, and taking such Vouchers as are required.

To
M^r James Mason
Purser of His Majesty's Ship
Roebuck.

Given by ^{at} 1 January 1778.

A. Hammond.

By G^d G^d.

As His Majesty's Ship under your
Command may be soon wanted for a particular
Service; You are hereby directed to prepare
her accordingly, when having compleated her
Provisions to three Months of all Species, and
the State of the Weather permits, You are to
Anchor in the Stream and wait there for
Further Orders.

Capt. H. Bellet
Liverpool.

Given by ^{at} the 13 Janry 1778
A. Hammond.

By G^d G^d.

Whereas you have represented to
me by Letter of this date, that you are of opi-
nion the Sickness of the Pearl's Ship's Compa-
ny the last Summer was in great part for
want of fresh Air between Decks in the fore-
part

part of the Ship, and that it is so exceeding
Hot that it is almost impossible for men to
live there in the Summer Season, especially
where the Gally is immediately underneath.
And therefore for the preservation of the
Men's Healths requests a Scuttle may be
Cut out on each side to admit fresh Air
into the Ship. You are hereby authorised
and required to direct the Carpenter of His
Majesty's Ship the Pearl under your
Command, to Cut out one Scuttle on each
side of the Ship in the most suitable places
for admitting fresh Air accordingly; taking
particular care the Ship is not Weakened
or any way materially Hurt thereby.

Capt. John Linzee
Beard.

Given by the th 16 Janry 1778
As Hammond.

14 Janry 1778. - Ordered Capt. ^mH. Belieu of the
Liverpool, and Capt. ^mB. Christian of the Vigi-
lant to cause their respective Purser, to
Purchase Shop-Cloaths - Vid. ^{at} pad. 1. to Capt. ^mLinzee.

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By Gen. Gen.

Whereas the Company of His Maj^{ty}
Ship the Roebuck under my Command suffer
very much by the Weather at this inclement
Season for want of suitable Cloathing, and
there is not a sufficient Assortment of Navy
Shops in the Squadron to answer their necessary
Demands, You are hereby authorised and
required to Purchase such Shops as may be
requisite for the Use of the Ships Company
of the said Ship; taking care the same is done
at as easy a Rate as possible and that they are
good and fit for the purpose. You will be also
to procure proper Vouchers for the Shops You
may so purchase, and the Prices paid by you
for the different Articles are to be Charged
against the Men receiving any thereof upon
the Ships Books in a distinct Column under
the Head of Purchased Shops.

M. James Mason

Curser of His Maj^{ty} Roebuck

Given by 14 Janry 1778
W. Hammond

Also directed a sufficient Number of Beds to be
purchased to answer the necessary demands of
the Ships Company.

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By Gen. Gen

Whereas the late M^r. Joseph Thompson, that Acted as First Lieutenant of His Maj^{ty}. Armed Ship the Delaware is deceased; and I have thought fit to Appoint You to Act as First Lieutenant of the said Ship in his place; You are hereby authorised and directed to take upon You the Charge and Command of First Lieutenant of His Majesty's said Armed Ship the Delaware, and to continue in the Exercise of the several Duties appertaining to that Office until further Order: The Officers and Company belonging to the said Ship, subordinate to you being hereby strictly enjoined to behave themselves jointly and severally in their respective Employments with all due respect and obedience unto You, their said Lieutenant for the Time being; And you likewise to observe and execute as well the General printed Instructions as the Orders and Directions which you may from time to time receive from your Captain, or any other your superior Officer, for His Majesty's Service.

Given by 20 January 1778
A. Hammond.

To
M^r. Richard Bruce
hereby appointed to act as First
Lieut. for the Time being of His
Majestys Ship the Delaware

th 20. January 1778. Appointed M. Andrew Inape
Douglas to officiate as Second Lieutenant onboard
His Majesty's Armed Ship Delaware, during
the Time M. Richard Brucere officiates as
First, or until further Order.

20 January 1778. Appointed Lieu. Rich.^d Whitworth
to Command the Armed Brigantine Tender the
Stanley, and nominated M. Hugh Congleton
to officiate as junior Lieutenant of His Majesty's
Ship the Roebuck, during his Absence, or until
further Order.

By Gen. Gen.

You are hereby ordered and directed
Despencer Pacquet. to take the four Vessels named in the Margin
Ship Catherine. under your Convoy, and to proceed with them
Alert Schooner. down the River Delaware the first favorable
Brig George. opportunity, giving them all possible Assistance
in passing the Obstructions in the River, as
well as protection from the Enemy in case
of their meeting with any accident by the
way. When you shall have arrived at the
Capes, You are to deliver the enclosed Orders
to Lieutenant Whitworth Commanding the
Stanley Armed Brig (who is to take Charge
of

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of the Convoy) and then proceed with all possible expedition to New York, where you are to deliver the enclosed Dispatches to Commodore Hotham and follow his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given &c the 20th Janry 1778.

Capt. H. Belieu

A. S. Hamond.

Liverpool.

By &c &c.

You are hereby ordered and directed to take the Despencer Pacquet, charged with Dispatches for Government, under your Convoy, as also the Ship Catherine, a Lettre of Marque, and proceed with them Two hundred and fifty Leagues into the Sea, on their way to England. When having so done, You are to return upon the Coast of America, falling in to the Southward of Charles Town, and to endeavor to arrive in the Delaware by the Time the Navigation is practicable from the Ice. You are to be particularly careful not to lose Company with the Pacquet, and to afford her all possible Assistance and protection from the Enemy.

Lieut. Rich. Whitworth,

Given &c 20 Janry 1778

Commanding His Maj. Ship
the Probus, Armed Tender
the Stanley

A. S. Hamond

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By G^d. G^d.

M^r Charles Fletcher, Surgeon of His Majesty's Ship Proebuck, having represented to me by Letter of this date, that a Dysentery and Nervous Fever of long standing has at length so weakened him as to prevent him discharging the Office of Surgeon; you are hereby required and directed to repair onboard His Majesty's Ship Proebuck, and examine into the State of M^r Charles Fletcher the Surgeon's Health, and to report to me from under your Hands, an impartial Account of your proceedings therein.

Given G^d the 20th Janry 1778

A^d M^r Hammond.

23^d Janry. 1778. — Appointed M^r Richard Clark to officiate as Surgeon of His Maj. Ship the Proebuck, M^r Charles Fletcher being permitted to Return to England for the re-establishment of his Health, and nominated M^r In^o Odell Hart to act as Surgeon's first Mate in his stead until further Order —

th 26th Janry. 1778. — Appointed M^r Josias Rogers to Command the Armed Sloop-Tender Pembroke.

th 26th Janry. 1778. — Appointed M^r John Bradford to act as Second Master and Pilot of the Cornwallis Galley, the proper Master not being able to attend his Duty from his Wounds. —

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th 24. Janry 1778. --- Appointed Will. Crofs Cook
of His Majesty's Ship Pearl, in the room of the
former Cook, deceased. ---

By Gen Gen.

Whereas the Sloop Charlotte, Edward
Crofs, Master, was prepared and employed
as an Armed Vessel against the Enemy's Fort
upon Mud Island in this River, and the
owners of the said Sloop complains that her
Hull has sustained considerable Damage
from that Service; You are hereby authorised
and directed to repair forthwith onboard
the Sloop Charlotte, and there take a strict
and careful Survey of the Damage done to
the said Sloop while employed in the Service
abovementioned; reporting to me from under
your Hands an impartial Account of your
proceedings therein, and what Damage she
may have received by being so employed,
with as near an estimate as possible of
the necessary Expence to repair the same.

To
The respective Masters
of His Maj. Ships Proebuck
& Vigilant, and the Carpenters
of the Proebuck, Pearl & Camilla.

Given &c. the 27. Janry 1778

AS Hammond.

27 Janry 1778 --- Ordered Captain Watt of His Maj. Armed
Ship the Delaware, to cause the Row Gallies Cornwallis
to be supplied with Sticks ---

By the Gen

You are hereby required and directed to cause the Purser of His Majesty's Ship under your Command, to Victual at two thirds of the Kings usual Allowance, the four Hessian Soldiers ordered onboard the Liverpool for a Passage to New York, during the Time they may remain onboard.

Given by the 27th Janry 1778

At Hamond.

Capt. H. Bellew
Liverpool.

By the Gen

You are hereby required and directed when you have received the Mail for England, from His Excellency Sir Will.^m Howe, Commander ^{in Chief} of His Majesty's Forces in America, to put yourself under the Command of Captain Henry Bellew, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Liverpool, appointed as a Convoy to the Ships going down the River Delaware, and follow his Orders for your further Proceedings.

Given by the 30th Janry 1778

At Hamond.

To
Capt. Pond

Despencer Pacquet

30th Janry 1778. Appointed Thomas Louch, Carpenter of His Majestys Ship Camilla, in the room of the former Carpenter deceased.

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These are to certify the Commissioners for
Victualling His Majesty's Navy that the Provisions
undermentioned. — Viz.

Bread — 360 puncheons, containing eighty
thousand, six hundred and forty pounds.

Pease — 63 Wds — containing five hundred
and five Bushels, seven Gallons.

Raisins — 1 Barrel — contents unknown —
being part of the Lading of the *Luhana* Victualler
Master, was actually thrown
overboard into the River from onboard the
said Victualler by my direction, the Ship being
then sunk by striking against the *Chevaux de
Frizes* in order to make room for empty Cask
to weigh up the Ship; which was accordingly
done, and the remainder of the Provisions thereby
saved for His Majesty's Service.

Given under my Hand onboard
the *Probus* in the River Delaware the Day
of January 1778.

A. Hammond

th 5 Feby 1778 — Ordered a Survey on the Sails
belonging to His Majesty's Flat Bottomed Boats
at Philadelphia.

By Gen. H^c.

You are hereby directed to receive all such Dispatches as shall be sent to You from His Excellency Sir William Howe, as also all such as you will receive from me, for the Lord Viscount Howe; and proceed with all convenient expedition in the Armed Sloop under your Command to Rhode Island, and follow his Lordships Orders for your further proceedings.

As the Dispatches with which you are charged are of great Consequence to His Majestys Service, They must not on any Account whatsoever fall into the Hands of the Enemy; They are therefore to be kept ready for sinking in case of Accidents, and should You be overpowered by the Enemy your first care must be to destroy the Dispatches.

Vid. L^{ts} P^{ar} 9.
Lieut. Th^o. Walbeoff
York Sloop.

Given H^c 5 Feby 1778
W^m Hammond.

By Gen. H^c.

Whereas it is judged expedient to fit, and arm the Row Gallies named the Philadelphia, as well for the Defence of this City as the better executing occasional Services in the River Delaware.

Delaware; and I have thought fit to appoint You
to Command the said Galley. You are hereby au-
thorised and directed to repair forthwith onboard
the Row Galley Philadelphia, and take upon You
the Charge and Command of the said Galley until
further Order accordingly. The Officers and Company
serving onboard the said Galley, being hereby
strictly enjoined to behave themselves jointly and
severally in their respective Employments with
all due respect and obedience unto You, their
Commander for the Time being; And You
likewise to observe, and execute all such Orders
and Directions which You may receive from
time to time from me, or any other your Super-
rior Officer for His Majesty's Service.

Given by th 11. Feby 1778

W. Hammond.

M^r. Robert Atcheson -

hereby appointed to Command

His Majesty's Row Galley

Philadelphia.

By th 11. Feby 1778

Whereas it is judged expedient to
and arm the Philadelphia Galley for the Defen-
of this City, and the better executing the King's
Service on the River Delaware; and a Compla-
of Seamen will be wanted for the purpose of man-
ning the said Galley. You are hereby authori-
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and directed to Enter for Wages and Victuals on a
Supernumerary List in the Books of His Maj^{ty}
Ships under your Command thirty Seamen
as the Complement of the Philadelphia Galley
for the abovementioned purpose, until further
Order.

Capt. Jⁿ Watt

Delaware.

Given the 11th Feby - 1778.
A Hammond.

By the Genl.

You are hereby requir'd and
directed to Discharge the several Men belong-
ing to His Majesty's Ships in the River Delaware
from the Supernumerary List of His Majesty's
Ships under your Command, into their proper
Ships.

Given the 13th Feby 1778.
A Hammond.

Capt. Jⁿ Watt

Delaware.

By the Genl.

You are hereby requir'd and directed
to put yourself under my Command, and follow
and obey all such Orders and directions as You
shall receive from me from time to time for
His Majesty's Service

Capt. J. Collins

Nautilus.

Given the 28th Feby 1778.
A Hammond.

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By G^d G^d.

There being great reason to suppose
His Majesty's Sloop Zebra has received some
Damage in passing the Chevaux de Frize near
Mud Island. You are hereby authorised and
required to repair forthwith on board His Majesty's
Sloop the Zebra, and carefully inspect into the
Bottom of the said Sloop as far as you are able;
reporting to me from under your Hands
what Damage she may have received, and
if in your opinion her Defects renders her
unfit for Service

To

The respective Carpenters
of His Majesty's Ships and
Vessels at Philadelphia
or any three of them—

Given G^d 4th March 1778
W^m Hammond.

By G^d G^d.

The Nautilus being intended to convey
the two Ordnance Transports named in the
Margin; and the other Ships and Vessels
bound to New York; and a Fleet of Army Victuals
being to Sail down the River at the same time,
under the direction of Captain Orde of the
Zebra; You are hereby required and directed
upon their approaching You, to afford them
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all necessary Assistance in passing the Chawau
de Frize, and when they shall have joined you
to off below Billingsport, you are to take Capt
Orde and the Convoy under your Command,
and Escort them to the Mouth of the River.
You are then to leave Captain Orde to follow
the Directions he will receive from me, to
allow M^r Wheathy commanding the Ship
Britania, charged with conducting the Cook
Vicuallers and Transports to make the best
of his way; and proceed with the Sloop under
your Command to New York, with all such
of the Fleet as may be bound thither. On your
Arrival there you are to deliver the enclosed
Dispatches to Commodore Notham, and wait
his Orders for your further proceedings.

In your way down the River
You are to take some convenient opportunity
to cause every Vessel to be strictly searched
for Deserters from His Majesty's Ships here,
and any Seamen that may be found onboard
over and above the proper Complement of
each Ship, are to be taken out and put on board
the Zebra, together with all the Pilots for the
River Delaware.

Capt. J. Collins
Nautilus

Given &c. 7. March 1778
A. Hammond.

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By the Gen

Whereas a Fleet of Army Victuallers, Transports carrying Invalids and other Ships and Vessels allowed to depart, are now ready to Sail from hence, and wait only for the River to be clear of the Ice. You are hereby directed to take the said Fleet under your Convoy, and to proceed with them the first favorable opportunity down the River untill you join His Majesty's Sloop the Nautilus, when you are to put yourself and the Convoy under the Command of Captⁿ Collins who is charged with the care of conducting the Fleet to the Capes of the Delaware.

You are to give all necessary Assistance to the Convoy in passing the Chevaux de Frize, and all possible protection from the Insults of the Enemy's their Armed Boats which infect the Mouths of some of the Creeks in the River.

Captain Collins being directed to cause the Ships of the Convoy to be searched for Deserters from His Majesty's Ships, and also for other Seamen that may have secreted themselves on board; You are to be assisting to Captain Collins in this examination,

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and for the better knowing of the Deserters
a Midshipman from each Ship here will be
sent onboard the Zebra, who are, after the Search
has been made, to return to their respective
Ships the first suitable opportunity—

Upon your arrival below the Shoals
you are to receive the Pilots out of the different
Ships, and when Captain Collins shall have
proceeded with his Convoy, you are to take
your Station off or within the Shoals of the
Brown & the Brandywine for the purpose
of giving Assistance to Ships coming into
the River, and remain on that Service
until you shall receive further Orders.

You are to keep half the number
of Pilots onboard the Zebra, and the re-
mainder are to be sent back in the Pilot
Boats to Philadelphia.

Capt. J. Orde
Zebra.

Given &c the 8th March 1778.
At Hamond.

By &c &c

Whereas I have thought fit to Station
the Pearl between Chester and Reddy Island
for the purpose of protecting the Navigation
of the River, you are hereby directed to
proceed thither in the said Ship with all
possible

possible dispatch, and use your best endeavors to take or destroy the Rebel Armed Boats that infest the Mouths of the Creeks in that part of the River; and also to afford Assistance and protection to His Majesty's well effected Subjects going up and down the River, with proper Passes, to Supply the Town of Philadelphia with Provisions.

When any Transports or other Vessels may be coming up the River without Convoy, and not of sufficient Force to protect themselves from the Enemy's Gun-Boats, You are to take them under your protection and escort them within sight of the Experiment at Billingsport, Sir James Wallace being directed to take Charge of such Vessels from the Pearl, as you are likewise to do from Capt. ^mChipp's of the Camilla, who is stationed below You from Reedys Island to the Shoals of the Bay.

And whereas a Body of Troops under Colonel Mawhood are embarked in Transports, and a number of small Vessels have been sent down the River, Conducted by Capt. ^mWatt of the Delaware, for the purpose of making Descents on the Enemy's Shore to procure Forage for the Army, You are as much as possible

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a Midshipman from each Ship here will be
sent onboard the Zebra, who are, after the Search
has been made, to return to their respective
Ships the first suitable opportunity.

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you are to receive the Pilots out of the different
Ships, and when Captain Collins shall have
proceeded with his Convoy, you are to take
your Station off or within the Shoals of the
Brown & the Brandywine for the purpose
of giving Assistance to Ships coming into
the River, and remain on that Service
until you shall receive further Orders.

You are to keep half the number
of Pilots onboard the Zebra, and the re-
mainder are to be sent back in the Pilot
Boats to Philadelphia.

Capt. J. Orde
Zebra.

Given &c^d the 8th March 1778.
A. Hammond.

By &c &c

Whereas I have thought fit to Station
the Pearl between Chester and Preedy Island
for the purpose of protecting the Navigation
of the River, you are hereby directed to
proceed thither in the said Ship with all
possible

possible dispatch, and use your best endeavors to take or destroy the Rebel Armed Boats that infest the Mouths of the Creeks in that part of the River; and also to afford Assistance and protection to His Majesty's well effected Subjects going up and down the River, with proper Cases, to Supply the Town of Philadelphia with Provisions.

When any Transports or other Vessels may be coming up the River without Convoy, and not of sufficient Force to protect themselves from the Enemy's Gun-Boats, You are to take them under your protection and escort them within sight of the Experiment at Billingsport, Sir James Wallace being directed to take Charge of such Vessels from the Pearl, as you are likewise to do from Capt. ^mChippes of the Camilla, who is stationed below You from Reddy Island to the Shoals of the Bay.

And whereas a Body of Troops under Colonel Mawhood are embarked in Transports, and a number of small Vessels have been sent down the River, conducted by Capt. ^mWatt of the Delaware, for the purpose of making Descents on the Enemy's Shore to procure Forage for the Army, You are as much as possible

to keep the Enemy's Gun-Boats and Armed Craft from Wilmington and other places from molesting the Fleet, and in case of Application from Capt. Watt, you are to be particular in rendering them every Assistance and protection that may be in your power.

You are to endeavour to gain Intelligence of the Motions of the Enemy, and to acquaint me of your proceedings by every favourable opportunity.

Capt. J. Linzee

Beach

Given &c 10. March 1778.

A. Hammond.

By &c. &c.

Having thought it necessary for the present to Station the Experiment under your Command at Billingsport, for the better preserving the open Communication of the River; You are hereby required and directed to place the Ship near that place, and to afford all possible Assistance and protection to Ships passing the Obstructions layed down by the Enemy between Mud Island and Billingsport.

And whereas the Passage through the lower Chevaux de frize is at present very narrow and confined, it is most earnestly recommended to You whilst you remain on

on this Service to Use every means in your power to widen the Passage by either removing some of the Chevaux de Frize, or pulling them to pieces as you shall think fit; and any materials, or Assistance that you may require on this important Business, will be most readily granted upon your Application.

The Boats employed on the River in Supplying the Town with Provisions, having regular Passes from the Magistrates of the Police, and limited for a certain time, are to be allowed to pass without hindrance or Molestation, provided they call on board to shew their permission.

Given &c 11. March 1778.
J. S. Hammond

J. James Wallace

Experiment.

By &c. &c.

This Majesty's Ship Camilla, being intended to be Stationed between Bombay Hook, and Preedy Island for the defence of the Navigation, and keeping an open Communication with the Town of Philadelphia; you are hereby directed to proceed on the Service above mentioned, and use your best endeavours to take or destroy any of the Rebel Armed

Boats

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Boats you may meet with, and also to give all possible protection to His Majesty's well affected Subjects carrying Supplies of Provisions to the Town.

But the more immediate Object of your present appointment is to cover and protect from Insult a Foraging Party going down the River under the Command of Colonel Mawhood, and Captain Watt of the Delaware, who has directions to consult with you from time to time in order to take measures for their Security, according as they may find it necessary to move about, or circumstances may require.

And whereas I have thought proper to Station the Zebra about the Shoals of the Brown and the Brandywine, with Pilots onboard for facilitating the arrival of Ships coming up the River, and the Pearl from Peedy Island to Chester; you are to endeavor to hold a Correspondence with each of their Captains when opportunities will allow, in order to gain Intelligence of the Enemy's motions, and whenever you find it necessary you are to send to them for Assistance.

You are to forward the Pilots down to the Zebra by every opportunity, and to send me

me as often as possible an account of your
proceedings -

Given &c. th 12. March 1778.

Honble Cha. Phipps

W. Hammond.

Camilla. -



By &c. &c.

The Schooner Adventure, John Cook
Master; Burthen about thirty Tons, Armed
with eight Carriage Guns, and Navigated
by the nine Men named in the Margin,
is hereby permitted to pass up and down
the River Delaware, for the purpose of Sup-
plying the City of Philadelphia with Provisi-
ons -

This Licence is to remain with the
Vessel, and be in force until the expiration of
the present Month.

Given under my Hand & Seal at
Army at Philadelphia the sixteenth day of
March 1778. -

W. Hammond.

John Cook
Sam. Crisack
Tho. Shepherd
Wm. Burtlett
Tho. Green
Amos Wymar
Nick. Budden
Ja. Baler.
Job Sealy.

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By the Order

The Master of the George Armed Sloop
being Suspended by Order of His Excellency S. William
Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces
in North America, You are hereby authorised and
required to take upon You the Charge of Com-
mander of the said Armed Sloop George, the
Officers and Ships Company being hereby directed
to obey your Orders. And when You shall have
received the General's Dispatches onboard You
are to proceed with the said Sloop, using all
possible expedition, to New York; where You
are to put yourself under the Command of
Commodore Notham, and follow his Orders for
your further proceedings.

To
M^r Rob^t. Lightbody
hereby appointed to Command
the Armed Sloop George

Given the 18 March 1778

W. Hammond

By the Order

Whereas a quantity of Ship Cloaths
is wanted for the Use of the Squadron stationed
under my Command in the River Delaware,
and there is not yet any Supply of Navy Ship
Cloaths arrived to answer the necessary demands,

You

You are hereby authorised and directed to purchase such Shop Cloaths, as may be requisite to answer such Demands, at as low a Rate as possible; taking care the same are good in kind, and fit for His Majesty's Service; for the Amount of which You are to draw Bills upon the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, taking proper Vouchers for the same.

M. James Mason
Purser of His Majesty's Ship

Given by 22 March 1778.

W. Hammond.

Roebuck.

By Ge. Ge.

His Excellency Sir William Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, having Ordered the Mail for England to be sent onboard the Sandwich Packet, under your Command, this Evening; You are hereby required and directed as soon as you have received it to lose no time in proceeding down the River; and for the better Security of the Packet against the Enemy, you are to be particularly careful to keep Company with the Armed Ship Prince Frigate, bound also to England, Captain Mylne the Commander being directed to

to afford You every protection and Assistance
in his power.

Capt.ⁿ Anson

Given by Gen. 26 March 1778
W. Hammond.

Sandwich Packet.

By Gen. Gen.

The Armed Ordnance Transport, under
your Command, being ordered immediately to
England; and the Sandwich Packet carrying the
General's Dispatches being to Sail at the same
times. You are hereby required and directed
for the better Security of both Ships against the
Enemy to be particularly careful in keeping
Company together during the whole of your
passage, Captain Anson, the Commander
of the Sandwich having particular Directions
to the same effect.

Capt.ⁿ Mylner

of the Armed Transport
Brice Frigate.

By Gen. Gen.

You are hereby required and
directed to take the Sandwich Packet carrying
Dispatches from His Excellency Sir William
Howe, under your Charge; and Convey her
in

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her way to England two hundred Leagues; when
having so done you are to return with all
convenient expedition to the River Delaware,
where you will receive further Orders lodged
onboard the Ship stationed at the Mouth of
the River.

Capt. ^mJ^m Chinnery
Daphne.

Given by ^m28. March 1778.

A. S. Hammond.

^m28 March-1778. Ordered Capt. ^mScattus of His
Majesty's Sloop Vulture, to take his Station,
and Cruise between the Narrows and the
Brandywine, and prevent the Enemy from removing
or destroying the Buoys.
By ^mGen. G.

The General having ordered a Sum
of Money to be sent round to New York for the
contingent Expences of the Army; and several
Vicualling Transports being wanted from
thence. You are hereby directed to proceed
forthwith on that Service, leaving the Thames
with the enclosed Orders on your present
Station, which you are to return to, with
all convenient Dispatch, as soon as you
shall receive Directions for that purpose from
Commodore Hotham.

^mHon. Charles Phipps

Camilla

Given by ^m31. March 1778.

A. S. Hammond.

By Order

His Majesty's Ship Camilla, being ordered to New York; You are hereby directed, in the Absence of Captain Phipps, to take his Ship's Station between the Narrows in the Bay, and Reddy Island for the Defence of the Navigation of the River Delaware, and keeping an open Communication with the Town of Philadelphia.

You are to use your best endeavors to take or destroy any of the Rebel Armed Boats, and also to give all possible protection to His Majesty's well affected Subjects carrying Supplies of Provisions to the Town.

And whereas I have thought proper to Station the Lebra at the Entrance of the River with Pilots onboard for facilitating the Arrival of Ships coming up the River,

The Vulture from the Buoy of the Brown to the Narrows, and the Pearl from Reddy Island to Chester; You are to endeavor to hold a Correspondence with each of their Captains, when opportunities will allow, in order to gain Intelligence of the motions of the Enemy, and forwarding the Pilots down to the Lebra.

Whenever any Transports or
other

other Vessels are coming up or down the River without proper Convoy, You are to give them escort to the next Stationed Ship, and to send me an Account of your Proceedings by every convenient opportunity.

Lieut. Jn. Mollownay

Given by ^{at} 31 Mar. 1778

Commanding HMS

A Hammond

Thames.

By Order

M^r. James Mason, Purser of His Majesty's Ship under my Command, having requested a Survey of the Provisions remaining in his Charge, in order to enable him to close his Victualing Account. You are hereby authorised and directed to repair forthwith onboard His Majesty's Ship Probus, and there take a strict and careful Survey of the Provisions remaining onboard; reporting to me from under your hands, an impartial account of your proceedings therein.

To
The respective Purser
of HMS Experiment
Vigilant & Delaware

Given by ^{at} 31 March 1778.

A Hammond.

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By the Hon.

Permission is hereby granted to
Czcr Kellum, late a Pilot in His Majestys
Services, for the Sloop Betsy of about fifty five
Tons Burthen, square Stern, and Virginia
built, of which Gustas Kellum is Master,
to Sail from an Inlet on the East side of the Eastern
Shore of Virginia, laden with Flour & Corn
for the Use of the Inhabitants of Philadelphia

This Licence is to continue in force for
six Weeks from the date hereof; and to be
of no effect if the Vessel shall be found out of
her course to the Delaware, or to have any
other Articles onboard then Provisions.

To

The respective Captains
& Commanders of His Majestys
Ships & Vessels -

Given the 8th April 1778.
A Hammond.

By the Hon.

You are hereby required and
directed to Discharge from the Supernum.
List of His Majestys Sloop under your
Command the Seaman belonging to His
Majestys Maj^r Ship Probus, into his proper
Ship; also the Seaman late of the Merlin
into His Majesty's armed Ship Delaware

To

Lieu^t Tho. Walcott
York.

Given the 9th April 1778
A Hammond.

By the Gen

you are hereby required and directed
to receive onboard His Majesty's Armed Ship, under
your Command, and Victual at the same Allow-
-ance as the Ships Company, all such Men be-
-longing to the Andromeda as the Prize Masters
of the several Vessels in this River Prizes to the
said Ship, shall think fit to send to you for
Security until further Order.

Capt. Watt

Delaware.

Given the 21 April 1778.

A. Hammond.

By the Gen.

The six Men named in the Mar-
-gin, taken in the Brig Charmont, a Prize to
His Majesty's Ship Andromeda, being willing
to Serve onboard the Kings Ships; you are
hereby required and directed to receive them
onboard His Majesty's Armed Ship the Delaware
under your Command, and Enter them as
part of the Complement of the said Ship.

Capt. J. Watt

Delaware.

Given the 21 April 1778.

A. Hammond.

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By Order.


The Ship Blessing, Navy Victualler,
whereof You are Master, being clear of the Provi-
sions Ship'd therein for the Use of the Fleet; You
are hereby required and directed to proceed with
the said Ship to New-York in company with
the Kings Ship appointed to convey the Vessels
bound to that Port; the Commander of which
will be directed to take you under his Charge.
And on your arrival there you are to
acquaint the Agent Victualler therewith;
waiting for further Orders from the Command-
ing Officer, for your further proceedings.

Given &c 21 April 1778.

H Hammond

M^r J Ripley
Master of the Navy Victualler
Blessing.

Delivered the like Orders to M^r Walker
Master of Adamant Navy Victualler; also to
M^r Manners, Master of the Woodlands
the same day.



By &c &c

In consequence of orders I have received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, You are hereby required & directed to put yourself under my command, and follow all such Orders and directions for His Majesty's Service as you may receive from me, from time to time for your further proceeding.

You are to keep the Transports under your Direction as near together in a body, and as near to the Rock Buoy, on the Starboard Quarter in sailing as the State of the Weather will allow of to direct the Masters to be attentive to all Signals made from that Ship, or those appointed to repeat Signals in the convoy, and to be particularly careful not to lose company, but if it should so happen, either from my being attacked by the Enemy, or from any unavoidable accident that you should part from me, you are then to collect as many of the Transports as you can together, and proceed with them to York in Flanders; but if the Separation should happen after our sailing from thence, you are to make the best of your way, to New York and follow the direction of Vice Admiral Arbuthnot

or commanding officer of His Majesty's Ship's there for your further proceedings

To
Lieut. Walter
Agent for the
Transports carrying
the Hessian Troops,

Given On board His Majesty's
Ship, Rock Buoy at Spithead
5 June 1779. A. S. Mordaunt

By &c. &c.

In consequence of orders I have received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, You are hereby required and directed to put yourself under my command, and follow all such orders & direction for His Majesty's Service as you may receive from me, from time to time for your further proceeding.

You are to keep the Transports under your direction as near together in a body, and as near to the Rock Buick on the Starboard Quarter in sailing as the State of the weather will allow of, to direct the Masters to be attentive to all signals made from that Ship, or those appointed to repeat signals in the convoy, and to be particularly careful not to lose company, but if it should so happen, either from any being attacked by the Enemy, or from any unavoidably accident that you should part from me, You are then to collect as many of the Transports as you can together, and proceed with them to New York, and follow the direction of Vice Admiral Arbuthnot or commanding Officer of His Majesty's Ships there, for your further proceeding.

Do
Lieut. Dorn
agent for the
Attending Transports,

Given on board His Majesty's
Ship, Rock Buick in York
Harbour 17. July 1779
A. S. Hammond

By. &c. &c.

Whereas, the Fleet of Transports carrying British
Troops, Transports, laden with Provisions, and other
ships laden with private Trade, as well as the two
armed Ordnance Transports named in the
Lord Townsend's Margins, are intended to proceed with all
possible dispatch to New York, under my
Sea Horse command. You are hereby required & directed
as soon as we shall put to sea to use your best
endeavours to keep the ships of the convoy
within the Limits of their appointed Station
in as close a body as the State of the Weather will
admit of. To give me the earliest notice of the
approach of any strange ships, To repeat all
signals to the convoy made from the *Rock Bury*
and to be particularly careful not to lose
company by chasing out of sight of the Fleet.
But if it should so happen, that in the course
of our Voyage to America, we should unavoid-
ably be separated, either by meeting with an
Enemy of Superior force, or other unforeseen Accident
you are to follow as many of the convoy as you
can get together, and proceed with them to
New York, and follow Vice Adm. Arbuthnot's
Orders, or those of the Commanding Officer of His
Majesty's ships there, for your further proceeding.
Given on board His Majesty's
Ship, the *Rock Bury*, in York
Harbour 18 July 79. A. Hamond

To
Captain Inglis
Commander of His
Majesty's Sloop the
Delight.